

What is claimed is:

1. A writing instrument holder for removably retaining one or more writing instruments at selected spatial locations, each of the writing instruments including a writing instrument body housing a marking substance and a clip attached to the writing instrument, the clip having a substantially straight, elongate member cantilevered from an attachment end, the writing instrument holder comprising:
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- a face wall;
 - a back wall substantially parallel to the face wall;
 - a plurality of two wall spacers each interconnecting the face wall and the back wall and forming substantially parallel tubular cells each between the face wall and the back wall and between adjacent wall spacers, each tubular cell configured for receiving the clip to hold the writing instrument in place; and
 - an attaching member for attaching the writing instrument holder to a selected mounting surface, such that the writing instrument holder is secured to the mounting surface for removably retaining each of the plurality of writing instruments.
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2. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the face wall, the back wall, and the plurality of wall spacers are each formed from a corrugated sheet.

3. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 2, wherein the corrugated sheet is formed from one or more materials selected from a group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene, polyvinylchloride, polyacrylates, polyamides, and polycarbonates.

5 4. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 2, wherein the writing instrument holder is stamped from a corrugated plastic sheet.

5. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the back wall, the face wall, and the wall spacers are formed from plastic.

10 6. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises an adhesive layer adhered to the back wall and having an exposed adhesive surface for attaching to the mounting surface.

15 7. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises a hook and loop fastener, the hook and loop fastener including a hook member and a loop member, the hook member securable to one of the writing instrument holder and the mounting surface, and the loop member securable to the other of the writing instrument holder and the mounting surface, the hook member and the loop member being removably securable to each other.

8. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises a magnetic member attached to the writing instrument holder and is removably securable to a magnetically attractive mounting surface.

9. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the
5 attaching member comprises threaded stitching.

10. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 9, wherein the mounting surface is an article of clothing.

11. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises a rivet.

10 12. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises a pin, the pin removably securable to the mounting surface.

13. A writing instrument holder for removably retaining one or more writing instruments at selected spatial locations, each of the writing instruments including
15 a writing instrument body housing a marking substance and a clip attached to the

writing instrument, the clip having a substantially straight, elongate member cantilevered from an attachment end, the writing instrument holder comprising:

5 a plastic body cut from a corrugated plastic sheet, the plastic body having a face wall, a back wall substantially parallel to the face wall, and a plurality of wall spacers each interconnecting the face wall and the back wall, forming substantially parallel tubular cells each between the face wall and the back wall and between adjacent wall spacers, each tubular cell configured for receiving the clip to hold the writing instrument in place; and

10 an attaching member for attaching the writing instrument holder to a selected mounting surface, such that the writing instrument holder is secured to the mounting surface for removably retaining each of the plurality of writing instruments.

14. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 13, wherein the corrugated plastic sheet is formed from one or more materials selected from a group consisting of polypropylene, polyethylene, polyvinylchloride, polyacrylates, 15 polyamides, and polycarbonates.

15. The writing instrument holder as defined in Claim 13, wherein the attaching member is selected from one or more of a group consisting of an adhesive layer, a hook and loop fastener, a magnetic fastener, a plurality of stitches, a rivet, a pin and a suction cup.

16. A combination of at least one writing instrument and a writing instrument holder for removably retaining a plurality of writing instruments at selected spatial locations,

each of the writing instruments comprising:

- 5 a writing instrument body housing a marking substance; and
 a clip attached to the writing instrument, the clip having a substantially straight, elongate member cantilevered from an attachment end;

the writing instrument holder comprising:

- a face wall;
- 10 a back wall substantially parallel to the face wall;
- at least two wall spacers each interconnecting the face wall and the back wall and forming substantially parallel tubular cells each between the face wall and the back wall and between adjacent wall spacers, each tubular cell configured for receiving the clip to hold the
- 15 writing instrument in place; and
- an attaching member for attaching the writing instrument holder to a selected mounting surface, such that the writing instrument holder is secured to the mounting surface for removably retaining each of the plurality of writing instruments.

17. The combination as defined in Claim 16, wherein the face wall, the back wall, and the plurality of wall spacers are formed from a corrugated plastic sheet.

18. The combination as defined in Claim 16, wherein the attaching
5 member is selected from one or more of a group consisting of an adhesive layer, a hook and loop fastener, a magnetic fastener, a plurality of stitches, a rivet, and a pin.

19. The combination as defined in Claim 16, wherein:
the writing instrument further comprises a cap for covering a writing end of
10 the writing instrument; and
the clip is secured to the cap.

20. The combination as defined in Claim 16, the clip having a contacting
member supported on the straight elongate member spaced apart from the
attachment end, contacting such that when the clip is inside one of the tubular cells,
15 the face wall is pinched between the contacting member and the writing instrument
body.

21. A method of removably retaining each of a plurality of writing instruments at a selected spatial location, each of the writing instruments including a writing instrument body housing a marking substance and a clip attached to the writing instrument, the clip having a substantially straight, elongate member
5 cantilevered from an attachment end, the method of retaining the writing instruments comprising:

cutting a plastic body of a desired configuration from a corrugated plastic sheet, the plastic body having a face wall, a back wall substantially parallel to the face wall, a plurality of wall spacers each interconnecting the face wall and the back
10 wall, forming a plurality of substantially parallel tubular cells each between the face wall and the back wall and between adjacent wall spacers;

fixing an attaching member to the plastic body;

removably attaching the plastic body to a selected mounting surface via the attaching member; and

15 inserting the clip of each writing instrument into a selected tubular cell.

22. The method as defined in Claim 21, the clip having a contacting member supported on the elongate member spaced from the attachment end, such that when the clip is inside a selected tubular cell, the face wall is pinched between the contacting member and the writing instrument body.